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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK VASILIS AFTOUSHIS and CONSTAUTIA AFTOUSHIS, : Plaintiffs, Index No. -against-102479/07 : MONDER WORKS CONSTRUCTION CORP., and FORTHRIGHT CONSTRUCTION, INC., Defendants. FORTHRIGHT CONSTRUCTION, INC., Third-Party Plaintiff, -against-MMG DESIGN, INC., ATY INC., N & C IRONWORKS, : INC., O.M.I. CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., and MONACO CONSTRUCTION CORP., : Third-Party Defendants. WONDER WORKS CONSTRUCTION CORP., Second Third-Party Plaintiff, : -against-MMG DESIGN, INC., ATY INC., N & C IRONWORKS, : INC., O.M.I. CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., and MONACO CONSTRUCTION CORP., : Second Third-Party Defendants, DATE: May 13, 2008 DEPONENT: Hark Kenevsky BARRISTER REPORTING SERVICE, INC. 120 Broadway New York, N.Y. 10271

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EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL of the Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff, FORTHRIGHT CONSTRUCTION, INC., by MARK KANEVSKY, taken by the Plaintiffs, pursuant to Order, held at the offices of Voute, Lohrfink, Magro & Collins, LLP, 100 Park Avenue, New York, New York, on May 13, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., before a Notary Public of the State of New York.

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STIPULATIONS

between the attorneys for the respective parties

herein, and in compliance with Rule 221 of the

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and

6 Uniform Rules for the Trial Courts;
7 THAT the parties recognize the prevision of
8 Rule 3115 subdivisions (b), and/or (d). All
9 Objections made at the deposition shall be noted
10 by the officer before whom the deposition is
11 taken, and the answer shall be given and the
12 deposition shall proceed subject to the objections
13 and to the right of a person to apply for
14 appropriate relief pursuant to Article 31 of the

16 THAT every objection raised during a deposition shall be stated succinctly and framed 19 so as not to suggest an answer to the deponent 19 and, at the request of the questioning attorney, shall include a clear statement as to any defect 20 21 in form or other basis or error or irregularity. Except to the extent permitted by CPLR Rule 3115 23 or y this rule, during the course of the 23 examination, persons in attendance shall not make statements or comments that interfere with the

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THAT failure to object to any question or any question or to move to strike any testimony at this examination shall not be a bar or waiver to make such objection or motion at the time of the trial of this action, and is hereby reserved; and.

Make such objection or motion at the to any question or to move to strike any testimony at this examination shall not be a bar or waiver All rights provided by the C.P.L.R., including the right to object to any question except as to the form, or to move to strike any testimony at this examination, are reserved; in addition, the failure to object to any question or to move to strike testimony at this examination shall not be a bar or waiver to make such motion at the time of the trial of this action, and is hereby reserved;

THAT this examination may be signed and sworn to by the witness examined herein before any Notary Public, but failure to do so or to return the original of the examination to the attorney on whose behalf the examination is taken shall not be deemed a waiver of the rights provided by Rules

questioning.

THAT a deponent shall answer all questions , at a deposition, except (i) to preserve a privilege or right of confidentiality, (ii) to enforce a limitation set forth in an order of a court, or (iii) when the question is plainly improper and would, if answered, cause significant prejudice to any person. An attorney shall not direct a deponent not to answer except as provided 11 in CPLR Rule 3115 or this subdivision. Any refusal to answer or direction not to answer shall 12 13 be accompanied by a succinct and clear statement of the basis therefore. If the deponent does not 15 answer a question, the examining party shall have 16 the right to complete the remainder of the 17 deposition.

18 TRAT an attorney shall not interrupt the
19 deposition for the purpose of communicating with
20 the deponent unless all parties consent or the
21 communication is made for the purpose of
22 determining whether the question should not be
23 answered on the grounds set forth in Section 222.2
24 of these rules and, in such event, the reason for
25 the communication shall be stated for the record

3116 and 3117 of the CPLR, and shall be controlled thereby; and,

THAT certification and filing of the original of this examination are waived; and,

THAT the questioning attorney shall provide counsel for the witness examined herein with a copy of this examination at no charge.

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Kanevsky MARK KANEVSKY, you? . 3 having been first duly sworn before a ۸. Yes, I do. Notary Public of the State of New If you don't understand what I'm York, was examined and testified as asking you, it's absolutely appropriate and follows: we all want you to say I don't understand. Do you understand what I just said to EXAMINATION BY you? MR. NEWMAN: Α. Yes. 10 0. Please state your name for the record. ο. Do not guess and do not speculate. :: 11 We're all here to get information that you A. Mark Kanevsky. 12 12 know to be true, and it doesn't help any of o. What is your address? 13 13 us if you're guessing and/or speculating. Α. 2681-A East 14th Street, Brooklyn, New 14 14 York 11221. Do you understand what I just said to 15 25 Good afternoon, sir. My name is Steve ο. you? 16 16 Newman. I represent the Plaintiffs in this Α. Yes. 17 17 When I'm asking you a question, please case. I'll be asking you a series of 10 10 hold off giving an answer until I finish the questions, and these other lawyers might 19 13 follow-up if I'm not doing a complete job, question. That it makes the court reporter's 20 but I will try to do that. I will give you a 20 job easier if you wait to speak after I 21 21 couple of instructions, standard lawyer talk, finish my question. 22 22 before we start. All of your responses have Do you understand? 23 23 to be oral. You can't gesture. You have to Yes, I do. 24 24 say something. a. Are you taking any prescription drugs 25 or any kind of drugs or alcohol that would Do you understand what I just said to

11 ı Kanevsky Kanevsky prevent you from answering my questions Could you give the address, please, if ο. today.? you remember? Α. No. 2685. No. I don't remember the Q. Have you been deposed before, sir? number 2685. McDonald. Corner of Avenue U. No. 6 How long were you at that office? ο. About four years. Four or five I Are you currently employed? Α. Α. Yes. would say. 0. Where do you work? 9 In the office that you're at now do 10 Α. I'm self-employed. 10 you have any employees that you pay? 11 How long have you been self-employed? 11 Yes. I do. 12 More than ten years. 12 ٥. What are their roles? What do they 13 o. Do you have an office that you work 13 do? 14 out of? 14 They're office employees. Α. 15 Α. Yes, I do. 15 ο. How many are there? 16 ο. Where is the office located? 16 Α. Today? 17 2681 East 14th Street, I believe. A. 17 Q. Yes. 18 o. That's a commercial space? 18 Α. 39 A. 19 ٥. What are their names? 20 That's in Brooklyn? ٥. 20 Α. Jane. 21 Α. 21 ٥. What's the last name? 22 ٥. How long have you been in that space? 22 I don't remember. 23 A few months. 23 o. What's your other employee's name? 24 ο. Where were you before? 24 Α. Muself.

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So, there's not two other employees,

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At McDonald Avenue.

13 Kanevsky Kanevsky there's one other employee besides yourself? Α. Yes. Q. You're self-employed. What is it that . A. I would say opposite. you do, sir? 1 It's a simple question, and I want to Q. Α, What do I do? move the deposition along. Aside from yourself --o. Yes. How do you make a living? Α. I'm not a president of the company. I'm a construction manager. So --Α. , How long have you been a construction ٥. I didn't ask you anything about you Q. 19 10 being the president of the company or manager? 11 anything about that. All I asked was, aside 11 Α. More than ten years. 12 12 from yourself, are there any employees in the ο. In the last year have you been working 13 office space that you occupy that you pay? as a construction manager? 14 What is the answer to that question? Α. Yes. I do. 15 Today only one person, Jane. 15 ٥. Where have you been working in the 16 16 What does Jane do? last year as a construction manager? 17 17 I have a few projects. A. Secretary. 18 18 ٥. Where are they? How long has she been your secretary? 0. 19 All of them in Brooklyn. 19 Five years. Ą. Α. 20 20 ٥. What are her duties as your secretary? Q. Can you give me the locations -- this 21 is the last year -- where you have worked as What does she do for you? 22 22 a construction manager? Α. All paperwork. 23 o. How many hours a week does she work? 23 Excuse me? 24 24 ٥. In the last year --Α. Ä. Location? 25 ٥. She's a salaried employee of yours?

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3 way. In the year 2008 from January to Hay have you worked as a construction manager anywhere? Yes, I do. Where have you worked as a construction manager? I do not understand your question. 10 Α. 11 The question is the following. 12 From January 1st of 2008 to May 12th of 2008 have you worked anywhere? Have you 13 14 been employed anywhere as a construction manager? 16 I'm self-employed. How can I be 17 employed? 18 You're self-employed. What does that 19 mean when you say self-employed? Does 20 anybody hire you for work? 21 MR. NEWMAN: I'll do it another 22 wav. 23 MR. GILIBERTI: Ask him if he's 24 with Forthright.

MR. NEWMAN: I'll do that in a

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Here's my question. We'll do it this

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16 Kanevsky second. I'm trying to understand what's happening. ٥. From January of 2008 to May of 2008 have you made any money working as a construction manager? Yes, I do. Who's paid you from January to May for your work? 10 Α. My clients. 11 Who are the clients that have paid you 12 to be a construction manager? From January 13 of 2008 through May of 2008 who has paid you 14 money? 15 I prefer to keep the answer private. 16 It's not related to this job. MR. NEWMAN: That's not 18 appropriate. It's not legal. We'll 19 call the judge right away. He doesn't 20 have the right. You know that. NR. SCHOENE: Explain to me the 22 relevance of this question. 23 MR. NEWMAN: Again, we all know 24 the rules have been clarified.

Relevancy is not an objection.

17 16 Kanevsky Kanevsky MR. SCHOENE: Palpably is not an objection. I said if it's irrelevant is. palpably irrelevant, it is. This MR. NEWMAN: Do you consider seems to me it is palpably irrelevant. this palpably irrelevant when I'm Unless you can explain to me the asking him what he's doing? relevancy --MR. SCHOENE: You're asking him MR. NEWMAN: I don't have to. who's paying him. That's as clear as any of the rules. MR. NEWMAN: I'll call the MR. SCHOENE: Now you're abusing :0 judge. 10 the rules. : 1 Here's the question. I need it MR. NEWMAN: No problem. It's 12 on the record if you're instructing not a problem. 13 him not to answer. MR. SCHOENE: You're abusing the 14 The question is, sir, who has paid you Λ rules by not explaining to me the money to be a construction manager? From relevancy. 16 January of 2008 to May of 2008 who has paid MR. NEWMAN: Off the record. 17 you? (Discussion held off the 18 MR. NEWMAN: For the record, are 19 record.) you instructing your client not to 19 19 (Brief recess taken.) 20 20 answer the question? Sir, what we're going to do is I 21 MR. SCHOENE: You want to call 21 called the court to get a ruling on this the judge? He feels it's an invasion 22 22 issue. I'm going to move beyond it and see of his privacy to answer that 71 if I can work around this, and then we'll 24 question. I asked you to explain the proceed. When the judge is back, then we'll 25 relevancy of it. You said relevancy call the judge to see what's up.

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employed by anyone? Α. No. Q. In the year 2008 have you made any í money working as a construction manager? Let me ask a question, please. Clarify for me what means employed and make money. 10 О. Not a problem. 11 Make money is when you do some work 12 and then the person you've worked for either 1) gives you U.S. currency or they give you a 14 check or money order. 15 Has anyone done that for you in the 16 vear 2008? That's what make money means. Let me ask you again. What is the 18 difference between being employed and being 19 20 paid? 21 I'll explain that, but let me ask you ٥. 22 a question. You can't ask me a question until you 23 24 explain to me your question. 25 Do you need a translator, Russian

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In the year 2008 have you been

20 Kanevsky translator? No. I don't. Here's how it works, and then I'll clarify. This is a deposition and I get to ask you questions and then you give answers. If you don't understand my question, you can say I don't understand and I'll rephrase it. MR. NEWMAN: So, let's do it 19 again. Why don't you recite the 11 question, and then we'll see what the gentleman doesn't understand. 13 Whatever my last question is, read 14 that back to him, and let's see where 15 we're at. 16 (Whereupon the record was read 17 back by the reporter.) 18 ٥. So, your question to me is, what does 19 the word employed mean? 20 A. You asked me a question, did I make 21 money and was I employed. 22 ٥. Yes. 23 Α. What's the difference between those

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two?

Kanevsky : ago. When you work for someone and they pay you for your labor, that's what making money is in the context I'm asking. Have you worked in the year 2008 as a construction manager where somebody paid you 7 for your labor? That's the question. a I don't understand this question. 4 This question is not related to the job that 10 I do. It's not about my work. 11 MR. NEWMAN: Off the record. 12 (Discussion held off the record.) 14 MR. NEWMAN: First of all, this 15 witness is not answering questions. 16 This is my deposition. He does not 17 seem to have been instructed on what 18 is happening today. He appears to be 19 utterly recalcitrant in answering the 20 simplest question. 23 Number two, he is, I guess, not 22 been prepped, because rather than

responding to my questions or telling

me I don't understand the question,

he's asking me questions.

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Kanevsky me. You came into this deposition in an aggressive manner, very confrontational, and it seems to me you started asking questions at this deposition, which in my opinion were palpably improper, and it's almost like you want to create some kind of controversy and put it in front of a judge, which I don't understand. If the witness does not understand a question that is posed by you -- and I may remind you that you instructed this witness that if he did not understand the question, you invited him -- more than invited him, you encouraged him to bring that to your attention so the question could be put in another form, and now you don't like it that he's doing that. You can go ahead and ask the question. If he understands the

question, he'll give you an answer.

an answer.

If he does not, he will not give you

Kanevsky Number three, I have been instructed about the Lone of my. voice, and I don't think there are any rules that prevent me from adopting whatever tone that I deem appropriate if I have a recalcitrant witness. Now I will change my tone, and ask you, the attorney representing this gentleman, what do you want to 10 do, sir, about this gentleman who 11 refuses to answer the simplest 12 question that I can possibly ask? As 1) an example, he just asked me what does 14 it mean to make money, and I don't 15 know where to go with that, and I need 16 some help from you as to what to do 18 with this gentleman. 19 MR. SCHOENE: First of all. 20 there are rules of civility, which you 21 have -- that's right. You're about to interrupt me again. Every time I 22 21 tried to say something when we were

off the record, you did not let me say

what I wanted to say. You interrupted

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Kanevsky MR. HEWMAN: Thank you for the clarification. I want it on the record. I'm asking you a second time. Is there anything about the English language that I'm speaking to you in that prevents you from answering? Do you have any language problem whatsoever? No. MR. NEWMAN: We'll proceed. 10 In the year 2008 have you made any 11 12 money as a construction manager? 13 Yes, I do. Who paid you or what work did you do 14 to get paid as a construction manager in the 15 16 year 2008? 17 MR. SCHOENE: Objection. That's a compound question. You have two 10 parts in there. I'm not sure which 19 20 question you're asking. 21 MR. NEWMAN: No problem.

Who employed you in the year 2008 to

I'm not going to give you a list of my

work as a construction manager?

clients. This is private.

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MR. SCHOENE: That's what you said you were going to put on the shelf and continue with your deposition.

MR. NEWMAN: That's a different question.

MR. SCHOENE: That's exactly what you asked the first time around when you picked up the phone to call the judge, and you said you were going to put it on the shelf and continue on, and then you went right back to

- 15 Q. Sir, are you a principal of Forthright
- 16 Construction, Inc.?
- 17 A. Yes, 1 do.

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- 16 Q. How long have you been a principal of
- 19 Forthright Construction, Inc.?
- 20 A. About four or five years.
- 21 Q. When you say about four or five years,
- 27 are you clear in your mind whether it's four
- 2) years or five years or you're not sure?
- 24 MR. SCHOEHE: Objection to the
- 25 form. You may answer.

Kanevsky

What are they?

- J. A. They're related to Quentin Terraceproject.
- Q. What job functions are related to
- 6 Quentin Terrace project? What do you do?
- A. As vice-president I oversee the
- project from the very beginning stage. Then
- 9 in the construction stage I do interfere with
- 10 people who are involved in the design, as the
- 11 architects and engineers, and also the
- subcontractors who do the actual work.
- 13 O. When you say that you oversaw or
- 14 oversee the project on Quentin Road, what
- 15 does that involve? What have you done?
- 16 A. Physically oversee the project. Be on
- the job site, look exactly at what's going on
- 18 at the job site, have a report from my
- 19, supervisors. Control everything that's going
- on at the job site. You can put it in one
- 21 word, everything.
- 22 Q. When did you start to oversee the
- 23 project on Quentin Road?
- 24 A. In the very beginning.
- Q. Which was when?

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A. I don't pay attention to this number.

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- 3 Approximately four or five years.
- 4 Q. When you say you are a principal of
- Forthright Construction, Inc., what does that
- 6 mean?
- 7 A. I'm a vice-president.
- 6 Q. Have you been a vice-president of
- 9 Forthright Construction, Inc. for four or
- 10 five years?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you hold any other positions in
- 13 Forthright Construction, Inc.?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. What do you do as a vice-president of
- 16 Forthright Construction, Inc.?
- 17 A. Everything that I'm suppose to do as a
- 18 vice-president.
- 19 Q. What is that?
- 20 A. Can you clarify your question, please?
- 21 Q. What do you do? What is your job as
- 22 the vice-president of Forthright
- 23 Construction, Inc.?
- 24 A. I have too many responsibilities.
- 25 Q. Okay.

Kanevsky

- ² A. 2004.
- 3 Q. Now, in 2004 was Forthright
- 4 Construction, Inc. the general contractor, a
- subcontractor? What was their role for the
- 6 construction project at Quentin Road?
- 7 A. I would say general contractor.
- 6 Q. What was Wonder Works in relation to
- 9 Forthright?
- 10 A. Wonder Works is a general contractor
- 11 on the same job.
- 12 Q. So, your testimony is that there were
- 13 two general contractors working the job on
- Quentin Road; is that correct?
- 35 A. You can say so.
- MR, NEWMAN: Let's have this
- marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 1.
- 16 (Whereupon a photograph was
- 19 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, for
- identification as of this date.)
- 21 O. Sir. I'm showing you what has bee
 - Q. Sir, I'm showing you what has been
- 22 marked as Plaintiff's 1, and this is a
- 23 photograph of a sign. I'm asking you have
- you ever seen that sign before?
- ²⁵ A. Yes.

Kanevsky Kanevsky 2 When's the first time you saw that Ç. Where it says contractor, Forthright 3 sign? Construction, Inc., does that mean something Α. Always. other than what you said before? I'm just o. Have you seen it in the year 2004? trying to get clarification. In other words. Yes. should that read general contractor, Who put up that sign? Forthright Construction, Inc., or is that a Α. I did. mistake, or what is this sign about? Because ο. When did you put that sign up? When it's slightly different from what you said. 10 did you physically put that sign on the site 16 I just need clarification. 11 at Quentin Road? HR. SCHOENE: Objection to form. 12 On the construction fence. 12 That's mostly a statement rather than 23 Q. You put it on the construction fence? ٠, a question. 14 I did. Α. 14 MR. NEWMAN: Let me rephrase it. 15 You did that in the year 2004? 15 Was Forthright Construction, Inc. the 16 I believe so. Around that time. general contractor on the job at Quentin Road 17 On the sign it says that Wonder Works 17 or a contractor on the job? 18 Construction Corp. is the general contractor, 18 MR. SCHOENE: Objection to form. **19** 19 correct? You said the general contractor. The 20 Α. Yes. Correct. 20 witness said there might be two 21 o. Then it says contractor is Forthright 21 general contractors. 22 Construction, Inc., correct? 22 MR. NEWMAN: Let me change the Α. Correct. 2.3 question. 24 So, who created this sign? 24 Was Forthright Construction, Inc. a ο. 25 Α. T did. 25 general contractor performing work on Quentin

31 Kanevsky Kanevsky said may I ask a question, did Mr. Road or a contractor performing work on Newman respond to that? Did he say Quentin Road? ' yes or no, or was there a response? May I ask a question, please? (Whereupon the record was read MR. SCHOENE: Are you able to answer the question? back by the reporter.) MR. SCHOENE: After that lecture THE WITHESS: Not this question. that Mr. Newman gave the witness, I I have to clarify something. think the record will reflect that Mr. What's the question? ο. : 0 Newman invited a question from the The question is, what is the 10 witness, and then he goes ahead and 11 difference between general contractor and :2 tells the witness he's not suppose to 12 contractor in your opinion? 13 ask questions. I think there should Here's the deal. If you don't 13 14 be more consistency on the part of Mr. 14 understand my question --15 Newman. I understand. Α. ١ŧ MR. NEWMAN: You're right. I Here's the deal. You don't get to ask 16 17 me questions. You're here only for one have been inconsistent. 17 16 Now I'll try to be more consistent in reason. It's to respond to questions that 19 the way I'm questioning you, sir. I'll ask I'm asking you. The only thing you can do is 19 20 you can say I don't understand, but you don't 20 21 There's a sign that I just pointed out 21 get to ask me questions. If you want me to 22 to you that's depicted within what's been 22 clarify my question, which I think you're 23 marked as Plaintiff's 1, and it lists asking me to do, I'll be happy to do so. 23 Forthright Construction, Inc. as a 24 MR. SCHOENE: Madam Reporter,

contractor.

I'd like to know if when the witness

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2 Now I'll ank you this question.
3 Is there a difference in your mind
4 between Forthright Construction, Inc. working

as a contractor or Forthright Construction,
Inc. working as a general contractor on

Quentin Road?

A. Yes.O. What's the difference?

10 A. The difference is who is legally

11 holding the permits on the job site and who

12 is doing any work on the job site, all of it

or partial work. That's the difference in my

:4 understanding.

15 Q. Well, who held the permits on Quentin

16 Road, Wonder Works or Forthright?

17 A. Wonder Works.

18 O. Does that mean under the definition

19 you're giving me that Wonder Works was the

20 general contractor because they held the

21 permits?

22 A. You can say so.

23 Q. It's not me saying so. I'm asking you

24 what you say. I'm not asking about my

75 opinion. I'm asking your opinion.

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A. Excuse me?

C. Did Forthright Construction; Inc.

apply for any permits to do construction work

on Quentin Road?

⁶ A. I don't remember. I think not. I

believe not. I believe not.

Q. Is the reason that Forthright

9 Construction, Inc. did not take out any

10 permits because they were not the general

11 contractor on the job?

12 A. There's no reason. It was just the

13 way the job was set up.

14 Q. It's your testimony that there are two

15 general contractors that performed work on

16 Quentin Road, Wonder Works Construction Corp.

17 and Forthright Construction, Inc.?

MR. SCHOENE: Objection to the

19 form. You may answer.

20 A. May I ask a question again?

MR. SCHOENE: He doesn't want

you to ask questions.

THE WITNESS: I don't

24 understand.

25 MR. SCHOENE: Tell him you don't

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2 I'll ask you the question again, sir.

In that you just testified that Wonder
Works Construction Corp. held the permits for

the job on Quentin Road, does that mean under

the job on Quentin Road, does that mean own

6 your definition that Wonder Works was the

general contractor doing the work on Quentin

8 Road?

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A. Wonder Works has the permits for the

10 new building on Quentin Road, and Wonder

11 Works as the general contractor may have

subcontractors or general contractors for the

13 actual work.

MR. NEWMAN: I move to strike

15 the answer as not responsive.

16 Can you read back the question,

17 please?

16 (Whereupon the record was read

back by the reporter.)

20 MR. HENMAN: I will do it

21 another way.

22 Q. From your testimony you're saying

23 Forthright Construction, Inc. did not take

out any permits for the work on Quentin Road?

25 Is that your testimony?

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understand the question that he's

posing. He's made it very clear he

doesn't want any questions from you.

MR. NEWMAN: I don't.

MR. SCHOENE: If you don't

quiderstand the question, just say you

don't understand question.

A. I don't understand the question.

10 Q. Previously you testified that Wonder

11 Works Construction Corp. and Forthright

12 Construction, Inc. were both performing and

working as general contractors doing the work

on Quentin Road. Do you remember saying that

15 a couple of minutes ago?

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MR. SMAR: Objection. That's

not what he said. You said working as

general contractors at the

19 construction site. There's really no

definition of what general contractor

is, and it does call for a legal

is, and it does call for a leg

conclusion to some extent.

23 Q. What did you do in overseeing the 24 project on Quentin Road?

25 A. Construction management.

Kanevsky Kanevsky 2 ٥. What did that entail? What are the answer, but I object to form as to , specifics that you did? What are the what responsible means. ' specifics that you did starting from 2004? MR. HEWMAN: Okay. I already answered this question. I Let me ask you this. n. What did you do in terms of excavating oversee the whole project. ο. What did that entail? What did you the ground adjacent to 97 Quentin Road? I already told you. I already do? explained. I physically oversee the whole I oversee the whole project. I A. project on the job site. If somebody did the 10 physically built the building. 10 actual work, I was there to check and make 11 You physically built the building? 12 λ. That's what it means. sure the job was done accurately. 13 Take me through that. When it came to excavation of the o. 13 ground adjacent to 97 Quentin Road, who did 14 When you say you physically built the building, were you responsible for doing the 15 vou oversee? 16 excavation? 16 I'll ask it again. 17 Was there a company or an individual 17 Α. Yes, I do. Were you responsible for doing the that excavated the ground next to 97 Quentin 18 0. 18 19 underpinging? 19 Road? 20 Yes, 1 do. 20 Everybody who used to be on the Were you responsible for building -project was under my supervision. 21 o. 21 22 MR. SCHOENE: I'll make an 22 MR. SCHOENE: He wants to know objection to the word responsible. who did the excavation. 24 I'm not sure what you mean by that 0 Who did the excavation? word. I will not direct him not to 25 25 ATY.

Kanevsky Is it ATTY, Inc.? ٥. ATY, three letters, I believe. Α. Who hired ATY? o. 1 did. Α. When did you hire them? I believe it was the end of 2004. Something like that. What was the process of you hiring a. them? How did you find them? 10 Because they used to work with me on a 11 Α. previous project. I knew him from before. 12 When you said him, was it one person 13 ٥. that you dealt with? 15 Two people, is that what you just o. 16 17 said? Two people. 18 What were their names? 19 o. One was Izzy, short for Isaac, and 20 Á. another one was -- I forgot his name. 21 If you don't remember, just say you 22 don't remember. We'll move on. 23 Did you enter into a contract with ATY 24

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Inc.?

40 Kanevsky Yes, I did. 'Do you recall what did you contrabt with ATY Inc. to do at Quentin Road? Original contract was started from excavation and foundation. We also extend this contract to underpinning and shoring. When did ATY Inc. begin to work on the project? When I'm talking about the project, I'm talking about the work being performed adjacent to 97 Quentin Road. 11 I believe it was the end of 2004. I'm 12 13 not sure. Before ATY Inc. began to perform work 14 somewhere around the end of 2004, was there 25 any other work that was performed at the site adjacent to 97 Quentin Road? 17 16 1 don't think so. MR. SCHOENE: Do you mean by other companies before that? `20 MR. HEWHAM: No. Just any work. 21 MR. SCHOENE: By ATY you said. 22 MR. NEWMAN: No. I will clarify 24 now.

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MR. SCHOENE: I think the answer

the first physical work that was done. What

Different engineering firms, was there

41 Kanevsky Kanevsky will be different depending on the ۸. We contracted with them for the question. demolition. MR. NEWMAN: I think Counsel is c. My question is, sir, when did you right, that I'm not being clear enter into a contract with -enough. I don't remember. Α. I'm simply asking, was the first work ο. Let me get the question out. done adjacent to 97 Quentin Road excavation When did you contract with MMG Design, 9 Inc.? 10 Α. No. 10 I don't remember the date. I believe Α. What was the very first work that was 11 o. it was the beginning of 2004. Probably done adjacent to 97 Quentin Road? 12 :2 Demolition. Was that the first work that needed to 13 Α. 13 14 Q. Fair enough. be done on the site adjacent to 97 Quentin 14 Who performed the demolition work? 15 Road? 16 A. MMG. 16 Physically, yes. 17 MMG Design? ο. 17 How long did it take to do the o. MMG Design. Α. 18 demolition work? 19 Who contracted with them? I don't remember. A few months. A 19 Α. 20 I did. 26 month or two. Did you literally enter into a written Any problems in doing the demolition 21 o. 21 Q. contract with them, them being MMG Design, 22 22 work? 23 Inc.? 23 Α. No. You just said a moment ago that was 24 A. 24 0.

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more than one?

Kanevsky Kanevsky was the planning or the architectural work 2 A. What were those firms or that firm? that had to be done? Did you hire on' I have a list of them. I don't architect? 5 remember them. A. Did anybody hire an architect? Do you remember any of them? n. ο. The engineer on the job was -- I'd Yes. Α. Α. 8 Who? have to look in my records. If you don't recall, that's not a 9 Wonder Works. problem. Just say I don't remember, and 10 Wonder Works. 10 0. Do you know when Wonder Works hired an we'll move on. Is it fair to say there was more than 12 architect? 12 one professional engineer who worked on the 13 Α. When? When? 14 job? 14 0. 15 No, I don't. 15 A. Α. Do you know who the architect was for Can you tell me about how many 16 16 professional engineers worked on the job? 17 the project? 17 18 Yes. 16 MR. SCHOENE: I need A. clarification. When you say 19 Who? 19 Q.v professional engineers, are you 20 Karl Fischer. 20 Α. Was he the only architect that worked talking about different entities or 21 21 ο. professional engineers that work for 22 on the job? 23 Architect, yes. 23 one concern? Α.

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on the job?

When was that?

Any professional engineers that worked

45 Kanevsky More than one. Α. What was the reason why there was more than one engineering firm? This is standard procedure. They're responsible for different parts of the project. What different parts of the project required different engineers? Structural, mechanical, foundation, 10 electrical. Different engineers work on the 11 project. 12 Is it your testimony that there were different engineering firms that took care of 14 the different categories that you just 15 referred to? 16 Α. Was there a professional engineering 10 firm for the excavation? 19 For the underpinning and the shoring. 20 Do you recall who that engineering 21 0. 22 It's an engineering firm in New

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Jorsey. The first name is Aislem.

Did you have any interaction with that

I believe so.

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Take a minute. We'll do it quickly, \

and just diagram 97 Quentin Road anyway you

want to do it, but just orient us.

This is our job site. This is your

building. Right here we used to have a

foundation. In order to demolish it -- that

property had a garage or something. It was

very difficult to see. So, we left that

piece of the foundation wall. 11

12 All right. I understand.

Then we changed the design of our 13

building. Our wall and the new wall went 14

15 this way. That was the main reason why we

had to interface with that engineer. 16

Sir, I'll ask it this way.

18 Were there any issues or problems

having to do with the underpinning or shoring

or excavation in the area bordering the

building that was at 97 Quentin Road? Any

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No issues. No problem. Just standard 23

24 underpinning work.

Did you see the underpinning being

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engineering firm, the one that you just

testified to that was in charge of the

underpinning?

Yes, I do.

What was the nature of your

interaction with that engineering firm?

Explain to him my problem on the job

site which was not in the original project.

10 Tell me what the problem was on the

11 job that was not in the original project.

We have the foundation work that was

23 supposed to be demolished. It's on another

14 side of the building, of your building. It's

15 not related to your side, which we decide to

keep in the ground. So, we need to support that foundation. That's why we did special

project for the shoring of that part of the

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20 If I give you a piece of paper, can

21 you diagram what that is?

22 Is it fast to say, sir, that really

23 has nothing to do with 97 Quentin Road?

24 I believe so.

25 Nothing to do with it? O.

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constructed?

What company did the underpinning?

How long did it take for ATY to do the σ.

underpinning?

I don't remember. It took a few 9

9 months.

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MR. SCHOENE: May I just 10

interject? 11

12 Was there more than one company

13 that did underpinning?

THE WITNESS: Yes. We started 14 with Monaco. They worked with us for 15

two or three days, and that's it. 16

They didn't work anymore over there.

MR. NEWMAN: Let's mark the

diagram as Plaintiff's Exhibit 2.

(Whereupon a diagram drawn by

Mr. Kanevsky was marked Plaintiff's

Exhibit 2, for identification as of 22

23 this date.)

Are you familiar with a company named 24

Monaco Construction Corp.? 25

49 Kanevsky Kanevsky 2 Yes, I do. Α. excavation? Did you hire, them to do any work on Yes, I do. the land adjacent to 97 Quentin Road? Did you personally recruit or contract I did not. Α. with MMG Design to do the work adjacent to 97 Who hired them? ο. Ouentin Road? MMG Design. A. Yes, I do. What's the name of the company that Is it fair to say that MMG then did the initial excavation work on the land subcontracted out to Monaco Construction adjacent to 97 Quentin Road? 10 Corp. to do the actual excavation? 10 11 ATY. MR. GILIBERTI: Objection. Α. 11 Did Monaco Construction Corp. do 12 ο. 12 13 excavation work? Was there a problem in Monaco 1 4 MR. GILIBERTI: Objection to 14 Construction Corp. doing the excavation? 14 15 MR. GILIBERTI: Objection. form. I already said Monaco never did 16 Λ. Never. 16 17 Never. o. 17 excavation. Were they hired to do excavation? 18 Why did they not do excavation? 10 We have a contract with them, MMG, and **, 19** 13 Because they didn't have -- how you they hired Monaco. 20 say it? One second. They did not agree What was your contract with MMG Design enough between MMG Design and Monaco. 21 0. 21 Is it fair to say some dispute arose 22 for? 22 between the sub, Monaco Construction Corp., 23 Excavation. 23

51 Kanevsky 2 excavation work? Say it again, please. The reason that Monaco Construction Corp. never performed any of the excavation work, was it because they got into some sort of dispute with MMG Design? MR. GILIBERTI: Objection. MR. SCHOENE: Are you aware of any dispute that occurred between MMG 11 Design and Monaco? Yes or no? THE WITNESS: I heard that 12 Monaco didn't work for MMG Design 13 anymore. So, they left. 14 Do you know what the problem was? - 15 16 What the dispute was? 17 I don't know. 28 We'll move on. After Monago Construction Corp. was no 19 longer employed by MMG Design, is that when 21 you contracted with ATY Inc. to do excavation 22 23 Yes.

Were you there on-site everyday that

ATY did the excavation and the underpinning

Did you hire MMG Design to do

excavation prior to hiring ATY Inc. to do

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52 Kanevsky and the foundation work? Α. Yes. Did I get that right, that the first thing that ATY Inc. did was excavation of the site? A. What's the first thing that ATY Inc. ٥. did for the project? A. It's a standard procedure. 11 Underpinning. Before they did the underpinning, did 12 they have to excavate the ground adjacent to 1.1 14 97 Quentin Road? :5 No. They can't. So, the yery first thing that ATY Inc. 16 did on the project was underpinning? 18 Did you observe the underpinning? 19 Q. 20 Sure. A. Tell me what you observed. What did ο. 22 ATY Inc. do to underpin?

It's a difficult question.

I will break it down for you.

Where did the ATY Inc. underpinning

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and MMG Design, Inc. before Monaco

Construction Corp. could begin their

Kanevsky Kanevsky I'm a civil engineer. take place on the site? Could you point it Α. Are you a licensed -out on the diagram that you drew earlier? o: Sure. Let me get the question out. MR. SCHOENE: That's two o. Are you a licensed civil engineer in questions. Are you withdrawing the first question and asking him to point the United States? it out on the diagram? llo. What's the highest level of education MR. NEWMAN: Yes. 4 ٥. that you attained? 10 The question is, with respect to what 10 o. we've marked as Plaintiff's 2, where did ATY 11 A. Where? 11 Q. Anywhere. Inc. perform underpinning? 12 Ukraine. Bachelor's degree. 13 Right along here. 13 Bachelor's degree in what? 14 Could you just write the word 14 Bachelor's degree in civil 15 underpinning so we know? 15 engineering, and a Master's degree in roads 16 16 Okay. MR. SCHOENE: Write it over here 17 and bridges. 17 Where did you get your Bachelor's 18 Q. too so there's no confusion. 18 degree, what institution in the Ukraine? 19 What is underpinning? 19 Q. By the way, it's not in the Ukraine. What is underpinning? If you open the 20 20 drawings to get approval for this project. 21 It's Russia. City is Voronge. 21 When did you get that degree? you'll know exactly what underpinning is. 22 22 About 25 years ago. 23 It's engineering terminology. 23 What institution granted you your 24 24 Let me ask you a question, sir. What's your educational background? Master's degree? 25

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Kanevsky The same one. A. What 'year? n. I don't remember the year. About 25 When did you come to the United ٥. States? About 18 years ago. Since coming to the United States did ٩ you go to any educational institutions? 10 11 No. Α. Do you have any professional licenses 12 o. in the United States of any type? 13 Yes. I do. 14 A. 15 What are they? ο. New York City home improvement 16 17 license. That's up to date? 0. 19 Α. Yes. Any other licenses in the United 20 ٥. 21 States? Driver's license. 22 Α. 23 ο. Any others?

So, you have a driver's license and a

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No.

5€ Kanevsky home improvement license? Yes': Now, I want to go back, and I don't want to look at the plans. I just want you as a person who was trained in Russia and has degrees to explain to me what is underpinning. What is involved in doing underpinning? Underpinning is a very, I would say, 10 complicated process. To explain exactly 11 what's involved in this I'm going to need 12 much more time then we plan to spend here. 13 If you want, I'll continue. Let me answer your question. We have 15 literally days, if necessary, to spend here 16 for me to get the information that I need from you. So, I want you to spend as much 10 time as you need, take all the time that you 19 need, to explain to me exactly what 29 underpinning is. 21 22 Not a problem. 23 Go ahead. Underpinning is a process to reinforce 24 and support the foundation of any existing

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building. In order to be able to do the

excavation, the nearest property -- this

process involve partial -- okay -- partial

support in a certain type of existing

6 foundation. This process moves along the

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digging under the foundation, filling those

digging holes with reinforced concrete and

12 dry packing of the gap between existing

13 foundation and new underpinning. That is

14 what underpinning means.

15 Q. Did you observe all of what you just

described occur in the underpinning that was

17 performed adjacent to 97 Quentin Road?

19 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you observe it literally everyday

20 that the underpinning was performed?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you take any pictures?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Where are those pictures?

25 A. Oh, we have a lot of them.

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A. Either way. Some of them in the

of them on paper.

Q. When you say paper, you mean actual

5 photographs?

6 A. Sure.

O. Those are color photographs?

8 A. Some of them.

9 Q. About how many color photographs of

10 the underpinning do you possess?

11 A. I don't remember.

12 Q. The color photographs of the

13 underpinning that you possess, are those

14 taken from the beginning that the

15 underpinning was performed until the end that

16 the underpinning was performed; in other

17 words, showing the whole process?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do any of those photographs show that

there is any problem or problems in doing the

21 process of creating the underpinning?

22 A. Can you rephrase the question?

23 Q. Yes, I will. Lot me say it a

24 different way.

25 In that you were on the job everyday

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Q. When you say a lot, do you have 10,

1 100, something in the middle?

A. I would say more than 100.

Q. Are they color or black and white?

6 A. They're color.

Q. Who took them?

8 A. My workers, myself, Wonder Works. The

9 owner's representative also. We have a lot

10 of pictures.

11 O. Are the pictures dated?

12 A. I believe most of them.

13 Q. What kind of camera was used when you

14 Look the pictures? Was it a digital, SLR or

15 something clse?

16 A. Some was done by digital. Some of the

27 pictures were done by Polaroids.

18 Q. The pictures that you took or the

19 workers that you were working with took,

where are they now? Where are they stored?

21 A. Some of them are stored in Wonder

Works. Some of them in my office.

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9 problems.

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11 Did you observe any cracks that formed

12 that were created on the structure 97 Quentin

13 Road as a result of the underpinning being

14 done?

15 A. No

16 Q. Were there any preexisting cracks on

17 the structure at 97 Quentin Road?

18 A. Yes

19 Q. Where?

20 A. All over.

21 Q. Where?

22 A. All over on the wall.

23 Q. When you say the wall, are you

24 referring to the structure of 97 Quentin Road

25 above ground, below ground or something else?

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Kanevsky A. Daily basis. 3 % 0% No. The question was, when was the first time prior to demolition that you walked around 97 Ouentin Road and inspected the exterior of 97 Quentin Road? Prior to demolition when is the first time you did that? 10 I would say in the first few days when the demolition starts. It means when the 11 demolition permit already exists, but the 12 actual work was not done yet. 13 That's the first time you inspected. 14 looked at the facade of 97 Quentin Road? 15 16 Yes. Α. 17 Did you take any photographs in that 16 first inspection? On that one, not me, but Wonder Works 19 did. I would be able to pull those 21 photographs. They exist. 22 When you were inspecting the exterior of 97 Quentin Road for the first time, was 23 there a representative from Wonder Works that 24 Inapopted the outside of 97 Quentin Road as

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inspected the outside of 97 Quentin Road as

Kanevsky 1 Kanevsky well? 2 During this project a few people was MR. SMARs Objection. on this job from Wonder Works. Was there anyone with you when you ٥. Who were they? inspected 97 Quentin Road for the first time? A. In the beginning it was Gabriel. I don't remember, but one of the I'm going to interrupt you. representatives of Wonder Works was there. Is Gabriel a first name or second So, we inspected on a daily basis. name? I'm not asking you about on a daily A. First name. 16 basis. I'm asking you about the first time 10 o. Do you remember the second name? 11 you inspected --11 MR. SMAR: Off the record. :2 I don't remember, sir. 12 (Discussion held off the 13 Let me get the question out. 13 record.) 14 The first time you inspected 97 14 A. Cazen 15 Quentin Road did you inspect the interior of 15 Q. What did Gabriel Cozen do? 16 the building 97 Quentin Road? 16 Owner's representative. He's like a 17 Only whatever was visible. 17 double check. 18 Let me be clear. 19 ٥. Who else? 19 Sir, were you dealing with anyone in 19 A. Jeff Koilman. 20 particular on a regular basis who was 20 His role, was it different from the 23 employed by Wonder Works when overseeing the 21 other gentleman from Wonder Works? Was Jeff 22 project? functioning as an owner's rep, a double check 23 Yes, I do. 2.1 as to what was going on? ٥. Who were you dealing with at Wonder 24 A. Yes. Works? 25 Did he do anything else other than act 67 Kanevsky Kanevsky as an owner's rep to oversee the . , .construction?

He also oversee the construction. ο. Did he do anything other than oversee I don't know what you mean by other. Aside from supervising and overseeing the construction, did he have any other role 20 on the project? Did he do anything else 11 professionally? :2 A. For example? o. I don't know. I'm asking you. 14 Did he do the construction? 15 Did he do the construction? 16 n Yes. : 7 A. No. 18 Any other representatives from Wonder 19 Works that you interacted with? 20 Α. Yes. Later on it was Anthony Galu. 21 Q. What did Anthony Galu do? Same thing? 22 Α. Same thing. 23 ٥. Anybody else from Wonder Works? 24 A. I would say no.

You said you had the same role as

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these fellows from Wonder Works, owner's rep. Is that what your role was? Were you project engineer? What was your title at the project? I'm still not clear. MR. SCHOENE: Objection to form. You can answer, if you can. What was your title on the project? 0. MR. SCHOENE: Note my objection. 10 Α. I don't understand what you mean by 21 this question. 12 Did you have an official title? What was your role in --14 MR. SCHOENE: That's two 15 questions. MR. NEWMAN: I'll do it this 17 wav. 18 Did you have any title designation in 19 overseeing the work of the construction 20 adjacent to 97 Quentin Road? 21 I don't understand the question. 22 Were you called the construction manager for the project? 24 A. I'm the vice-president of the company

who does actual work on this particular job

€6.

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site.

Q. In doing the work was there any title

that was given to you? If somebody said 1

5 want to see the construction manager, would

that be you? Did you have a title?

A. I have to do everything.

Q. I'm just asking. If the answer is no.

the answer is no. No problem.

10 A. Okav.

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11 Q. Is it fair to say you supervised the

12 underpinning?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did you supervise the excavation?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did you supervise the construction of

17 the foundation?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You testified earlier in describing

20 underpinning that one of the components of

21 the underpinning is dry packing.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Describe to me what dry packing is.

24 A. Dry packing is a material which is not

25 as a regular concrete shrinks. So, after the

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² A. Yes, and here too.

Q. Here too? \Okay.

The photographs, did you bring them

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with you?

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6 λ. No. He have them.

MR. SCHOENE: I have them. I

6 exchanged them.

9 Q. Are those photographs dated of the dry

10 packing?

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11 A. I don't remember.

12 Q. Were there any problems that you saw

of any type in doing the underpinning, in the

14 underpinning being performed in the project

15 adjacent to 97 Quentin Road, and when you

were observing it everyday, did you ever

17 observe any problems whatsoever in the

18 construction of the underpinning?

19 MR. SCHOENE: Objection. You

20 already asked if there was a problem

21 with the application, and I think he

said no. Is this somehow different?

MR. NEWMAN: I will move on.

24 Q. Were there any problems that you

25 observed with regard to ATY Inc. performing

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concrete is poured in the hole in the ground

. and shrinks, the dry pack fills the gap

4 between new concrete, which is underpinning,

5 and the old building foundation in order to

6 properly support it.

Q. Typically what is dry packing made of?

What is the material used to do dry packing?

9 A. There's a special nonshrink grout used.

10 for dry packing.

Did you observe the dry packing that

was performed for the project?

13 Again, when I'm saying project, just

34 so we all know, it's the project adjacent to

15 97 Quentin Road.

16 A. Yes, I do.

17 Q. Were there any problems that you

39 observed with the application of the dry

19 packing?

20 A. 110.

21 Q. Did you take photographs of the dry

22 packing?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you have those photographs in your

25 office?

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its work? In other words, did everything go

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3 exactly as it was supposed to when observing

4 the work performed by ATY Inc.?

5 A. My job is to catch the problem before

6 it becomes dangerous. If there's no problems

on the job, nobody is going to need me.

 $^{\theta}$. Definitely I see the problem everyday, and I

fix it before it needs to be fixed.

10 Q. So, you did see problems?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Tell me about the problems that you

13 fixed when it came to the underpinning.

14 A. The problems?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. Tons of them.

17 Q. Tons of them?

10 A. Tons of them.

19 Q. What were they? Tell me.

20 A. For example, one day I get a delivery

of the dry pack, and the delivery was loaded

from the supplier in the rain. It was bad

23 weather. I didn't accept it.

24 Q. So, if I understand what you're

25 saying, because you observed it you prevented

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a problem with the dry pack.

I want you to tell me every problem

that you observed that you solved before it

became a problem or bigger problem, and I'm

just limiting it to underpinning.

It's so many years ago. How could I

remember? For me it's not a problem. It's

just my work to prevent a problem. How

10 should I remember all the small stuff?

11 All I'm asking you to do is follow my

12 instructions that I gave you in the beginning

13 of this line of questioning, which is if you

14 don't remember something, just tell us you

don't remember. That's fine.

16 You just testified that you remember

that when it came to underpinning, there was

18 a potential problem in getting faulty dry

pack material. If you recall, were there any

20 other problems that you observed when it came

21 to underpinning?

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22 I'll say there were no major problems

23 that I should remember at that site.

24 Everything was finally done correctly.

٥. When you say finally done correctly,

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0. When you say no major ones for me --

No major problems on the achilor me.

o. I understand you just described for me

what your role was on the job.

Besides for the one thing that you

pointed out for me, that there was a had

delivery of not proper quality dry pack --

9 I didn't say not proper quality.

10 ٥. Dry pack that was affected by the

11 tain.

12 Α. I didn't say that.

13 Q. What did you say, sir?

14 I said the dry pack was loaded under

the rain, and I didn't take a chance to check

16 if it was good or bad. I simply replaced it.

17 I'm glad you're being precise, because o.

18 sometimes I'm not as precise as I'd like to

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20 If you can't remember, just tell me

21 you can't remember and we'll move on.

22 Were there any other issues, problems

23 that you recall having to do with the

24 construction of the underpinning?

We probably have different

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were there things that you had to correct

when it came to underpinning?

Α. Tons of things.

Tell me the things you had to correct.

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А I don't remember the small stuff. !

told you there were no major problems.

You said you had to correct

10 everything, to use your words a second ago.

31 Tell me what you had to correct when it came

12 to underpinning.

A There's a standard procedure to do any

14 work, and any workers, subcontractors or

15 others, do not always know by the book how

:6 it's supposed to be done, and my job is to

correct them. If they use the wrong shovel 16

to dig the ground, I have to make sure this

is the right shovel. If they have to use the 19

20 plywood to support something with the wood, I

have to see if this is the right size of the 22 wood and they do the right things deep enough

23 to perform the job. So, my job is to correct

24 every problem at every second on the job. No

major ones for me.

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understandings of the word problem.

o. Do you want me to define problem for

you?

Yes.

Problem would be when you in your role

as the supervisor of the underpinning saw

something about to be done in the

construction of the underpinning which was

10 not appropriate or proper from your

11 perspective as the guy who is overseeing the

12 underpinning. That's what I mean.

13 Α. Okay. I understand your question.

14 ο. Good.

15 I would say I had the chance to

prevent any problems before they even

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18 I understand what you're saying.

Α. So, there is no problem done on the

26 job. Nobody did a mistake.

21 ο. Nobody did a mistake?

22 Nobody.

23 Let me ask you this.

24 So, the job went perfectly in all

aspects from the demolition to the

17 Kanevsky :

? construction? Everything was perfect?

3 A. The building is perfect. It's still .

standing. It did not come down.

Q. From when the job first began -- we'll

go back to the underpinning in a moment --

how long was it to take from the demolition

to the completion of the building? How long

was that?

10 A. Four years.

11 Q. Four years?

17 A. About.

23 Q. In your educational background and

your experience working as a construction

15 manager in the United States, is that a

normal amount of time to build a building the

17 size of the building adjacent to 97 Quentin

18 Road?

19 A. There is no standard on it.

20 Q. Are there documents that show that the

21 plan was to take four years to construct the

22 building?

23 A. The plans don't show any dates.

24 Q. Were there any delays encountered at

25 anytime in constructing this building?

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We'll move on, sir.

3 There were, no delays in building this

building; is that fair to say?

5 A. I would say this building was built by

the schedule related and based on that

financing, and other engineering,

e architectural questions, there is no delay on

the building because I have no engineering or

10 construction problem.

11 Q. My question is, was this building

12 delayed in its construction in anyway?

13 A. I don't understand your question.

14 Q. Let me rephrase it.

15 At the beginning of this project you

16 were the construction manager right from the

17 beginning?

10 A. Yes.

19 Q. Is it fair to say that in your mind as

20 the construction manager it was planned to

21 take four years to construct this building?

22 A. No.

23 Q. How long was it to take in your mind

24 to construct this building?

25 A. Two to three years.

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The speed of the construction depends

 $^{\mathrm{3}}$, on the construction site only for one thing,

* money, financing. That's all.

Q. Was there an issue with financing on

6 this project?

7 A. There is no issue. I'm not going to

8 discuss any financial issues. No way, no

4 how.

10 0. Let me see if I'm understanding your

11 testimony. Your testimony is that you refuse

12 to discuss any financing on this property; is

13 that correct?

14 A. I'm here to discuss the construction,

15 not the financing.

16 Q. So, you're defining the types of

questions and the areas I can go into; is

18 that correct, sir?

MR. SCHOERE: Objection.

20 Q. Are there other areas that I cannot

21 ask you about?

22 A. My privacy, and my financial stuff is

23 privacy.

24 Q. I want to know what my limits are in

25 asking you questions at this deposition, sir.

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² Q. Is the building completed?

³ A. Yes.

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4 Q. How long did it take to complete the

5 building?

6 A. Four years.

Q. What was the reason it took four

6 years?

9 A. My mistake in calculating the time.

10 Q. Your calculation was wrong?

11 A. My calculation was wrong.

12 Q. It's not because there were any

13 problems of any type in building this

building, but you simply didn't calculate

15 that the normal construction rate would be

16 four years; is that fair to say?

17 A. Ask me again, please.

18 Q. It seems to me that you're saying to

19 me that the problem here was not in building

the building, but the problem was that you as

2: the construction manager miscalculated how

27 long it would take, meaning you thought it

2) should have taken three years, but you simply

24 miscalculated, and it should have taken four

years; is that fair to say?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Sir, let me ask you this.

Were any underground water or streams

5 found on-site?

€ A. Yes.

0. When was the first time that water was

found on-site?

A. When we actually dig and we reach the

10 water.

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11 Q. When did that happen?

12 A. I believe it was the end of 2004 or

13 beginning of 2005. Something like that.

14 Q. What entity was doing the actual

15 excavation of the dirt?

16 A. What entity? ATY.

17 Q. ATY? Okay.

18 What happened? Was it a matter of

19 just digging dirt and water just started to

20 appear?

21 A. Yes.

Q. Did you see the water?

²³ A. Yes.

24 Q. Where was the water coming from?

25 A. Just underground water.

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Q. What were the problems?

3 A. . We had to stop doing excavation.

4 Q. Why?

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5 A. Because nobody do the excavation

6 underwater.

7 Q. How long was the excavation stopped?

8 A. I wouldn't say we stopped excavation

9 completely. We stopped excavating lower than

10 the water level. We still continued to do

11 the excavation.

 12 Q. Once you saw the water did there come

13 a time subsequent to that, after that, where

14 you had to excavate lower?

15 A. Lower than what?

16 Q. Lower than the level where it wasn't a

17 problem to excavate knowing that there was

19 water beneath.

19 A. We never excavate underwater.

20 Q. So, is it fair to say that once you

21 saw the water that was the lowest level that

22 you excavated?

23 A. No. I didn't say so.

Q. Once you saw the water did that cause

25 any delays in the excavation?

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7 O. Was it a lot of water or small amount

of water or stmething in the middle?

4 A. I don't know what you mean by small

5 amount or high amount.

O. A large amount of water would be like

7 a stream or a river. Was it something like

8 that?

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A. It's underground, I can't see it.

10 Q. Oh, it was underground?

11 A. It was still underground.

12 O. How did you know you hit water?

13 A. I see a little bit of the water.

14 Q. So, in other words, excavation was

15 going and some water started to appear on top

16 of the excavation?

17 A. Yes

19 Q. Was it a small amount of water?

19 A. What we're able to see when it

20 appears, it was a small amount of water

21 because we didn't dig deep. We didn't have

22 the chance to dig deep on that one.

23 Q. Did the appearance of the water create

24 any problems in doing the excavation?

25 A. Oh, sure.

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It didn't cause delay in excavation.

3 Q. No delays at all?

4 A. No delay in excavation.

5 Q. No delay in excavation?

6 A. No.

7 Q. How did you deal with the fact from an

6 excavation standpoint now that you knew that

9 there was underground water? What did you do

10 about that?

11 A. I simply called the engineer, and he

was waiting for the new part, the additional

13 part of the project.

14 Q. The new part, additional part of the

15 project, what does that mean? A new plan for

16 excavation?

17 A. Yes, and underpinning and shoring used

10 to be part of those plans.

19 Q. I'm confused, but I have been confused

20 a large part of my life. So, let's do it

21 this way.

22 Could you do a cross sectional looking

23 that way instead of from above diagram of

24 where -- not where. Once the water

25 appeared -- maybe you can just do it in

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testimony. Once the water appeared did you

excavate below that level of the ground?

A. Yes.

Ilow much time was it between the time

6 you first saw the water until the time you

excavated below that level where the water

appeared? How much time passed?

A. Six menths. Maybe eight months.

16 Something like that.

11 Q. Why was there that delay of six to

12 eight months before you started excavating

13 below where the water appeared?

16 A. We were waiting for the change of

15 plan.

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16 Q. Was there a change of plan that needed

17 to be drafted by a professional engineer to

deal with the fact that there was water?

19 A. Sure.

20 Q. Maybe you didn't understand before.

21 That's what I was asking you.

22 Describe to me what the change was.

23 What had to be done by the PE to take into

account that there was underground water?

25 A. We used to have an elevator pit. We

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foundation, grade beams. A lot of different

changes.

Q. How was the foundation changed as a

result of finding water?

6 A. Just configuration of the grade beams.

They just lay in different places.

8 Q. Why did that have to be changed? Was

it to avoid the water?

16 A. No. To accommodate the new layout.

11 O. The new layout was based upon the fact

17 that there was water underground?

13 A. The new layout was based on the fact.

14 that in order to avoid digging underwater we

15 had to eliminate elevator pit and build the

second one.

17 Q. Is it fair to say that once you found

18 the water that the depth of excavation that

19 was originally planned was changed so that

you did not dig as ultimately planned?

21 A. Say again, please.

22 Q. Once the water was found was one of

23 the big changes that were made that the

24 professional engineer determined that the

25 building could be constructed where you

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used to have one elevator in the building in

the original project. The elevator pit from

that elevator used to be under the water.

5 So, the change was planned. How we have in

6 the building two elevators. One goes from

the first floor up, another one to the

9 basement, to the first floor. So, the change

to the plan was do not dig lower.

10 O. Lower?

11 A. Lower than it used to be on the first

12 one.

13 The change to the plan was we added a

14 second elevator in order to avoid digging

15 deeper, and we were waiting for those

16 changes.

17 Q. Any other changes that came about

10 along the similar lines of what you just

19 described? In other words, because of water

20 that was found, were there any other changes

21 put in place aside from the additional

22 elevator?

23 A. It's not only elevator. These changes

24 involved change of a layout of the first

25 floor, change of a layout of the basement,

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didn't have to excavate the dirt as deep as

3 originally planned?

4 A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall or do you know how deep

6 the excavation below grade was originally

suppose to be? Is that the right way to

8 think of it?

9 A. The only change is the digging for the

10 elevator pit, which was eliminated from the

11 project. The rest of the project stayed the

12 same.

13 Q. Stayed the same as far as how deep the

14 excavation would go?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you recall how deep the excavation

17 was planned to go below grade?

18 A. I don't remember the number. What we

19 have right now is what was originally dug.

20 Q. If we looked at the plans, we would

21 find that out?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Being the one who was making sure no

 24 problems arose with the underpinning, did you

25 ever have to intervene with regard to any

1 Kanevsky other aspect of the underpinning? You mentioned the dry pack. Were there any other problems that you ever encountered, that you saw that you had to intervene to prevent a major problem with the underpinning? No. I'll ask you the same question with regard to the foundation work. 10 Were there any major issues that came 11 up while you were overseeing the foundation 12 work that you had to intervene to prevent the construction foundation from turning into a 13 14 major problem? 15 Yes, this, 16 0. You are pointing to Plaintiff's 12 Exhibit 2, and say what you were about to 18 say. 19 Α. That was the problem, 20 o. When you say that was the problem, 21 you're referring to what you testified to 22 earlier when there was an existing foundation 23 and you changed the plans? 24 Α. Yes. 25 ٥. Anything else with regard to the

Kanevsky 2 Α. I don't remember. o. . Did you have to make any court appearances with regard to the violations? 5 Not me 6 ο. Who did, if anyone? Α. I'm not sure if there was any, but if so, my expediter. 9 a. Who was your expediter? 10 At different times we have different 11 people, but I'm not sure on this job who it 12 was. 13 Q. Let me ask you that question. 14 Did you employ any expediters to do 15 any work on the project? 16 Α. I think so. Yes. 17 Who did you employ? 18 h The name? 19 ο. Yes. 20 Colleen Morris. 21 ο. M-0-R-R-I-S? 22 A. I'm not sure. 23 Q. Is that a person or entity? 24 Α. I believe it's a person.

What's the location of Colleen Morris?

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Kanevsky construction of the foundation of the building adjacent to 97 Quentin Road where you had to intervene before the construction of the foundation turned into a major problem? A . Nothing major. Anything with regard to the excavation, aside from what you testified to, 10 where you had to intervene before the 11 excavation turned into a major problem? 12 Λ Excuse me? 13 When the excavation was going on, when 24 they were digging out the dirt, did you see 15 anything as the guy who was there on the job 16 everyday that could have been turned into a major problem but for you intervening and you 16 saying you're doing it wrong, did anything 19 come up? 2ò Α. No, nothing major. 21 ٥. Were there any violations issued on 22 this job by the New York City Department of 23 Buildings? 24 25 n. How many?

> 2 Kanevsky z Α. She'll go to any borough. 3 Where is her office? . Where is she based? s Α. I believe she works from the home office. ٥. The home office? Α. Yes. ٥. Your home office? 10 Her bome 11 She worked out of her home? Α. O. Did you employ any other expediters aside from her? I don't remember. I don't think so. Do you know if the Department of Buildings or the Environmental Protection Board ever found that the violations that were issued were in fact correctly issued; in other words, that there were legitimate violations? Do you know?

> > I would say any of those violations

MR. NEWMAN: I move to strike

mean to me the same as a parking ticket.

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Nothing major.

93 Kanevsky the answer as not responsive. Let me ask it again. You testified that there were violations that were issued, and I'm asking you do you know if the Department of Buildings or the Environmental Protection Board ever found at a hearing that those violations were legitimate? :0 I don't recall any particular violations. So, I would say no. 12 Now, did you ever get the chance to 13 inspect prior to demolition adjacent to 97 14 Quentin Road the interior of 97 Quentin Road? 15 Α. No. 16 Q. Did you ever inspect the interior of 17 97 Quentin Road? 18 Α. Yes. 15 Q. When? 20 À. Probably 2006 or late 2005. Something 21 like that. 22 0. Did you inspect the interior of 97 Quentin Road alone or with somebody else?

With somebody else.

Who else?

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25 Q.

looking for work? ο. Did you offer him work? Α. I told him when the time came, why not -Besides for that, besides for the e super asking you for work, did he ask you to come and look inside 97 Quentin Road or did you initiate that inspection? 11 Ask me again. 12 The first time you met the super at 97 13 Quentin Road you said he met you on the job site and asked you basically for work; is 15 that correct? 16 Α. Did something else happen in that te initial interaction between you and the super 19 that led you to inspect the interior of 97 20 Quentin Road? 21 Yes. I found that through the 22 foundation wall you can see outside through 23 the cracks, and I asked him what kind of crack is that? How long is that crack there?

I appreciate what you're saving, and I

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Kanevsky A. I believe the person was a super at that building. o. How did you get entry to 97 Quentin Road in the time that you're describing? He invited me. ο. Did you get in contact with him, or how did you get to know who the super was? He simply catch me on the job site and asked me to take a look at something. 10 11 So, the super approached you? 12 13 The super of 97 Quentin Road approached you and asked you to look at something. What did he say to you when he 16 approached you at the job site? 17 He brought me to the basement. So, I had a chance to look at the basement, but the 19 super at that time used to work as a finish 20 guy on doors. He used to paint the doors, 2: and he had showed me his job and he offered me his help. He asked me to do the job on the project. 24 He approached you on the job site, the super for 97 Quentin Road, because he was Kanevsky read that in documents, but I'm asking a different question. I'm simply asking you, you had this initial meeting. At the first meeting with this guy -- what was the super's name? Do you recall? I don't recall. What did he look like? А Old guy. 11 Q. Tall or short? 12 Not tall. Not short.

13 Medium size? Medium size. 5'6, 5'8? 16 Probably. ο. Fat or skinny? 14 Α. He's not fat definitely. 19 ٥. Skinny man? 30 Α. I would say so. 21 o. Was he white, black, Hispanic or 22 something else? 23 Λ. White. I would say white. 24 ٥. I'm trying to reconstruct this. He said hey, I do this kind of work. Can you

Kanevsky give me work, and then after that, did he say anything else to you? We met afterwards. n I'm not saying did you meet afterwards In that initial meeting did you say anything to him or did he say anything to you after that initial discussion of he, the 10 super, getting work on the job? Was anything .: else discussed? 12 No. We have a simple meeting. We : 3 just spoke about anything. Anything. 14 Let me ask it a different way. 15 You just testified that he, the super, 16 approached you and said can I get some work on the job. Did you and him discuss anything 17 18 else other than his desire for employment in 13 that initial meeting with the super? 20 Α. Yes. o. What did you speak about? 22 I tried to explain. I stay in the 23 basement, and while we had the conversation 24 right next to me through the wall, foundation

wall, I saw the outside air, the bright

that?, How long has that crack been there? He told me that he found out that there is sun since we do the demolition. Prior to demolition probably the crack was closed by the other structure. Here's my question. I'm simply trying to find out how it came about that you got to 10 be in the interior of 97 Quentin Road. Did 11 you ask to be in the inside of the building. 12 did the super invite you or something else? 13 MR. SCHOENE: Note my objection. 14 That makes it sound like he was not 15 responsive to the previous question. • 6 which he was. MR. NEWMAN: I will rephrase it. 18 Sir, how did it come to be that you 19 ended up in the interior of 97 Quentin Road? 20 Were you invited in or did you ask to come 21 10? 22 I'm standing right outside of the 23 property doing my work. This guy simply 24 stops his truck with the doors, and I asked him what are you doing with those doors? He

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light, and I ask him what kind of crack is

Kanevsky explained to me he's doing the finishing. So, he invites me. He invited you to come into the building? Α. Come look at his work. o. Was his work in the interior of the building? Yes. His shop was in the basement. 10 ٥. That's how you got to the basement? 11 Α. Absolutely. 12 Did you look at the doors that he 13 worked on? 14 Α. 15 ٥. Once you were looking at the doors you 16 saw a crack? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Where did you see that crack in the o. 19 basement? 20 Here. 21 MR. NEWMAN: The witness is 22 indicated --23 There's a lot of cracks over there

like this, but that particular one, I believe

it was approximately here.

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Did you have a camera with you the

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25 O.

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first time you were in the basement?

3 A., No.

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Q. How long were you in the basement?

5 A. 10 minutes, 15 minutes.

O. Was there a light on in the basement?

A. Bo.

8 0. How did you see in the basement?

A. He used a flashlight, and later on in

particular he said he was able to show me

11 with the pigtail lights.

12 Q. So, he was able to turn on a light

13 later?

14 A. He screwed the light or turned on the

15 light.

16 Q. It was a flashlight and an overhead

17 light used to see?

18 A. On the stairs, yes.

19 Q. Aside from these cracks that you saw,

20 did you observe anything else in the

21 basement?

22 A. In that moment only what I saw is the

23 crack. I didn't have a chance to walk all

24 around the basement.

25 Q. Did you take any photographs that day?

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2 complaining?

3 A. He stopped by. He explained to me all.

his complaints.

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5 Q. What's the owner's name?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. When was the first time the owner

8 complained to you?

9 A. He wasn't actually complaining. He

10 had concerns. I would say he had concerns.

11 Q. What were the concerns of the owner?

12 A. Same, cracks.

13 Q. Cracks in the basement?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What exactly in expressing his

16 concerns to you did the owner say to you?

17 A. He saw the cracks.

18 Q. He said I saw cracks in the basement?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Did he say anything clse to you?

21 A. Anything else?

²² Q. Yes.

23 A. Yes. He said I see the cracks, and I

24 have a concern about those cracks.

⁵ Q. What did you say?

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A. At that time, no.

Q. ... When was the next time you were in the

interior of 97 Quentin Road?

5 A. I was in there a few times. I can't

6 recall exactly.

7 Q. About how many times were you in the

b interior of the building?

9 A. Two, three, four.

16 Q. How did you get in on the other times?

11 Was the super always letting you in or

12 something else?

13 A. I believe another time again with the

14 super, and another time the owner of the

15 building.

16 O. What was the purpose of going into 97

17 Quentin Road after your initial visit? What

18 was the purpose? Why did you visit the

19 interior of 97 Quentin Road after the first

20 time?

21 A. Okay. He probably asked me about

22 complaints of the work.

23 Q. The owner complained?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How did you hear that the owner was

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² A. I explained to him my opinion how

2 , those cracks could appear, and I also offered

4 to him when we finish our work to fix

5 anything in the building. Same thing that we

6 offer all other neighbors who were around the

7 property, and we kept our word.

8 Q. That's excellent.

9 MR. SCHOENE: There was no

10 reason for that.

11 MR. NEWMAN: It was a comment.

12 I'm not allowed to make a comment?

MR. SCHOENE: No.

MR. HEWMAN: Strike the comment.

15 It's not allowed at the deposition.

16 Q. You said you had an explanation for

17 the cracks. What was the explanation that

18 you gave?

19 A. From my point of view that building

20 used to have very poor maintenance.

21 Q. Poor maintenance. Okay.

22 A. Not poor maintenance. Very poor

23 maintenance, first of all, and the second,

in the same cracks that we're talking about

very poor quality of building. For example,

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you were not able to see any reinforcement
bars. That means the foundation wall had to

be poured without reinforcement bars.

t Q. It's your testimony that there are no

6 reinforcement bars in the foundation wall?

A. In his foundation?

Q. Yes.

A. There's no reinforcement bars visible

in his wall. Not inside the crack. Not even

were reinforced bars not installed, but the

12 outside of the foundation is supposed to be

13 marked through support of the bars.

reinforcement bars. So, there's no visible

15 marks -- let me explain. Let me rephrase.

1€ Q. Please do.

17 A. In order to install the foundation

18 there's a support bar. You have to install

19 horizontally some type of support, and that

26 support is suppose to go through the wall

21 completely and suppose to sit right on the

22 forms. So, when you open the forms, those

23 supports are suppose to stick out from the

24 concrete. There is no visible marks of those

25 supports. So, I assume there is no

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So, I'm asking is that your testimony,

that one of the problems as for as poor

maintenance is that the roof was a leaky

5 rcof? Is that your testimony?

A. You asked me two different questions.

The question regarding the concrete

 θ foundation wall, I answered that question.

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. Regarding the poor maintenance which

11 could get any cracks inside the building,

that's the water leakage.

13 Q. So, when you observed the roof, you

14 saw that it was a leaky roof?

15 A. All over.

16 Q. All over.

Now, did you inspect the roof prior to

18 the demolition?

19 A. No.

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20 Q. Did you inspect the roof prior to the

21 excavation?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you inspect the roof prior to

24 construction of the steel?

25 A. No.

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reinforcement bars in this foundation.

7 Q. Was it your assumption then in that,

4 from your perspective there doesn't appear to

5 be reinforcement bars that's the cause of any

6 cracks that appear in the foundation of 97

Quentin Road?

A. Oh, sure,

O. When you refer to the fact that there

was either poor maintenance or no

21 maintenance, what is that based on?

12 A. Very simple. When we're together with

13 you inspecting the roof, I point to you

exactly a lot of places on the roof where

15 water penetrate from the roof, and everybody

16 knows the leaking of water from the roof

17 could bring down the whole building, not only

19 cracks.

19 Q. So, in other words --

20 A. Especially it it's a wood structure.

21 O. When you looked around the structure.

22 you saw that there were leaks or a poorly

23 maintained roof; is that your testimony?

24 A. You saw that. The leaks was all over.

25 Q. Right.

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O. Did there come a time that you erected

3 scaffolding on the roof of 97 Quentin Road?

4 A. Say it again.

5 Q. Did there come a time that you or your

6 company or somebody erected scaffolding on

the roof of 97 Quentin Road?

⁸ A. Yes.

9 O. When was that?

10 A. A year ago, year and a half ago.

11 Something like that.

Q. Did you obtain the permission --

13 A. Two years ago.

14 O. Bid you obtain the permission of 97

15 Quentin Road before you erected scaffolding

16 on the roof of 97 Quentin Road?

17 MR. SCHOENE: The last question

was you or someone else, and now

you're saying you.

MR. NEWMAN: Let me clarify it.

21 Q. Did you obtain the permission of the

owner of 97 Quentin Road before you

23 constructed scaffolding on the roof of 97

Quentin Road?

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MR. SCHOENE: Objection.

There's been no testimony that he constructed any scaffolding on the roof of 97 Quentin Road.

5 Q. Who erected scaffolding on the roof of

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- 6 97 Quentin Road?
- 7 A. O.M.I.
- 9 Q. Who hired O.M.I.?
- A. Me.
- 10 O. When?
- 11 A. 2004.
- 12 Q. Did O.H.1. ever obtain the permission
- 13 from the owner of 97 Quentin Road before they
- 14 erected scaffolding on the roof?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. They did?
- 17 A. Yes. That's how we met.
- 18 Q. Prior to us meeting in court, did
- 19 O.M.I. obtain the permission of the owner of
- 20 97 Quentin Road before erecting scaffolding
- 21 on the roof of 97 Quentin Road?
- Do you understand my question, because
- 23 I'll simplify it?
- 24 A. Simplify it.
- 25 Q. I know you and I met. We met in

- not build the scaffolding on the roof?
- A. First of all, the owner never said no. .
- Second, I don't remember when we ever build a

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- 5 scaffolding on the roof before we get the
- 6 permission.

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- Q. I will ask it a different way.
- Prior to the scaffolding being
- 9 constructed on the roof of 97 Quentin Road,
- 10 did Bill Aftousmis, the owner of 97 Quentin
- 11 Road, ever give permission to O.M.I. to
- 12 construct that scaffolding on the roof prior
- 13 Lo the court date?
- 14 A. I don't remember any scaffolding built
- on the roof prior to getting permission.
- What scaffolding are you talking about?
- 17 Q. Scaffolding built on the roof of 97
- 18 Quentin Road to construct bricks on the steel
- 19 scaffolding.
- 20 HR. SCHOENE: Construct bricks?
- 21 MR. NEWMAN: To install bricks.
- 22 A. I don't know what you're talking
- 23 about.
- Q. Okay. I'll show you photographs
- later. It's not a problem.

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- Brooklyn Supreme Court, and we got a
- settlement agreement where, certain monies,
- were paid for that scaffolding that was
- erected on the roof, correct?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Prior to there being a court action
- about the scaffolding, did O.M.I. approach
- the owner of 97 Quentin Road to ask for
- 10 permission to put scaffolding on the roof?
- 11 A. Yes, Sure,
- 12 Q. Prior to the court date?
- 13 A. Sure.
- 14 Q. When was that?
- 15 A. I don't remember the date, but we talk
- 16 to the owner a lot of times. Not a lot of
- 17 times, but a few times.
- 10 Q. What did the owner say?
- 19 A. What did the owner say? I believe he
- 20 didn't say anything.
- 21 Q. Did the owner give O.M.I. permission
- 22 to build a scaffolding on the roof?
- 23 A. I don't think so.
- 24 Q. So, did O.M.1. build the scaffolding
- 25 on the roof after the owner said they could

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- 2 A. Oh, you're talking about on the first
- floor? That's what you're talking about?
- 4 Q. I think this might help. Then we'll
- 5 move on.
- 6 There is scaffolding here, right, to
- 7 put the bricks, and there was scaffolding on
- 4 that piece as well, correct?
- 3 A. On this building appears two levels of
- 10 the roof.
- 11 O. I know that.
- 12 A. One is the three stories, and another
- 11 one is the one story. Very, very small.
- 14 Q. Yes, sir.
- 15 A. There's no scaffolding on that roof.
- 16 Over that roof, but not on the roof. Yeah,
- we did use a space over there, but we didn't
- 18 put scaffolding on the roof actually. We
- 19 used the parapet for that.
- 20 Q. You used the parapet of the building?
- 71 A. Yes.
- 22 O. Of Bill Aftousmis' building?
- 2) A. But not on the roof. The size of the
- 24 roof is this big.
- 25 Q. I'll ask it this way, and then we're

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going to move on.

- Did there come a time that you built
- scaffolding on the parapet of Bill Aftousmis'
- building?
- 6 A. Excuse me?
- Q. Did there come a time when O.M.I.
- 8 constructed scaffolding on the parapet of
- Bill Aftousmis' building at 97 Quentin Road?
- 10 A. On that portion?
- 11 O. Yes.
- 12 The parapet, the ledge, did O.M.I.
- 13 ever construct scatfolding there?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. When did they do that?
- 16 A. A few years ago. Two years ago.
- 17 Q. Did O.M.I. ever receive permission
- 18 from Bill Aftousmis to construct scaffolding
- 19 on the parapet of 97 Quentin Road?
- 20 A. I don't know.
- 21 Q. Isn't it a fact, sir, that there was
- 22 another set of scaffolding that was built on
- 23 the roof of 97 Quentin Road, on the actual
- 24 roof? Didn't that occur at some point?
- 25 A. That was not scaffolding.

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- it's virgin soil which is able to support the
- 3. foundation wall. The other part of the
- 4 structure, it takes all the load from the
- 5 building and transfers it to the soil.
- 6 Q. Is the footing important in
- 7 maintaining the structural integrity of a
- building?
- 9 A. Is the footing --
- 10 Q. important.
- 11 A. Yes. Very important.
- 12 Q. Why is it very important?
- 13 A. I just explained it, because it
- 14 collects and transfers all the weight of the
- 15 building.
- 16 Q. In doing the construction and
- 17 excavation next to 97 Quentin Road was there
- 18 a time that the footing that formed part of
- 19 the structure of 97 Quentin Road was cut?
- 20 A. Footing?
- 21 Q. Footing. Was it cut?
- 27 A. Footing was cut? I would say no.
- 23 Q. So, no footing belonging to 97 Quentin
- 24 Road was ever cut or altered in anyway; is
- 25 that correct?

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- 2 Q. What was it? What do you call it?
- 3 A. That was -- how you call it -- like do.
- safety bridge. That was not used for the
- 5 erection of the brick or something else.
- That was used to prevent if something falls.
- Q. Was there a structure that was built
- on the roof of Bill Aftousmis' building at 97
- 9 Quentin Road that was constructed so as to
- 10 allow brick to be installed in the adjacent
- 11 building?

- 12 A. Again, please.
- 13 Q. Was there some sort of structure that
- was constructed on the roof of Bill
- 15 Aftousmis' building that would allow workmen
- 16 to mount that structure so that they could
- install brick in the adjacent structure?
- 18 A. After we had the permission, yes.
- 19 Q. But not before?
- 20 A. Not before.
- 21 Q. Do you know what a footing is?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. What is a footing?
- 24 A. A footing is a part of the foundation
- 25 that lays directly on the soil. Hopefully

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- γ Λ. Yes.
- 3 Q. If you can explain, I'll be happy for
- 4 you to explain.
- 5 A. Should I?
- 6 Q. Yes. That's what you're here to do.
- 7 A. The proper way to install the footing
- 8 is complete forms in the ground and laying
- 9 the concrete. So, in this case you're able
- 10 to control the dimensions of the footing. In
- 11 that particular building no one used the form
- 12 and they poured the concrete directly into
- 13 the ground.
- 14 Q. By that particular building you're
- 15 referring to 97 Quentin Road?
- 16 A. Yes. They used to pour the concrete
- 17 directly in the ground. So, the footing
- 18 itself, the shape of the footing, was not
- straight, and partially it was sitting on our
- 20 property. That portion was nicely cut off.
- 21 Q. I see.
- So, in other words, the footing that
- 23 was part of the structure of 97 Quentin
- 24 Road -- go ahead. Correct me.
- 25 A. It was not part of the structure.

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2 O. Explain.

- 3 A. The part of the structure is exactly
 - as much as you need under the wall. Whatever
- 5 sticks out is not a structure anymore.
- Q. Just so I understand your distinction,
- is it fair to say that it was during the
- excavation that you discovered this sticking
- 9 out of the footing?
- 10 A. During the underpinning. Even prior
- 11 to excavation.
- 12 Q. During the underpinning did you
- 13 observe that there was a piece of the footing
- 14 extending out into the area that was to be
- 15 the area where the new building was
- 16 constructed?
- 17 A. I would say I observed pieces of the
- 18 foundation -- not the foundation -- pieces of
- the concrete related to the building sticking
- 20 out of the property line.
- 21 Q. Out of the property line?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Do you recall the first time you
- 24 observed that? Do you recall the first time
- you observed that footing sticking out of the

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- A. He measured the width and the
- thickness of the footing in other places
- 4 where those pieces of the concrete is not
- 5 sticking out, and they simply decide that
- 6 whatever we cut off is not related to the
- building, and this is standard procedure. It
- 8 happens all over.
- 9 Q. Who made the decision to cut off that
- 10 structure that was jutting out? Who made
- 11 that decision?
- 12 A. No one is suppose to make a decision
- 13 about that. It's standard procedure.
- Everybody does it. If you catch this
- 15. problem, that's what you have to do. It's by
- 16 the book.
- 17 Q. Once you caught the problem did you
- 18 say something to somebody about getting rid
- of that structure that was sticking out?
- 20 A. I would say everybody involved in this
- 21 project knew about it.
- 22 Q. They knew about it?
- 23 A. Yes, and this is just nothing. It's
- 24 just standard.
- 25 Q. So, once they all knew about it what

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- property line? When was the first time you
- saw that?.
- A. In the very beginning.
- O. What year?
- 6 A. 2004
 - Q. Did you do anything once you observed
- 8 that?
- 9 A. No. I did not.
- 15 O. Did you speak to any professional
- 11 engineer about that, about this footing
- 12 sticking out over the property line?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- 14 Q. Who did you speak to?
- 15 A. Aislem Aamer.
- 16 Q. What did you say to him?
- 17 A. I just showed him.
- 18 Q. Did you take any pictures of that
- 19 structure?
- 20 A. Probably, yes, but this is standard
- at procedure. This is nothing new.
- 22 O. What did he say to you when there was
- 23 a structure sticking out from Mr. Aftousmis'
- 24 building onto your property line? What did
- 25 he say to you?

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- happened next? How was it put into play that
- 3 that piece was cut?
- 4 A. Very simple. With chain saw. With
- 5 sledge hammer. Very simple.
- 6 Q. Did you watch that piece of the
- structure being cut?
- A. It was a few of them. Some of them
- Feally small. Some of them a little bit
- 10 bigger.
- 11 Q. Did you watch --
- 12 A. 1 watched.
- 13 Q. How long did it take; an hour, half a
- 14 day, to cut them?
- 15 A. That was performed at different times.
- 16 Altogether I don't know how much it takes.
- 17 For example, one day we were working in this
- area and maybe it took half hour. Another
- 19 day two hours. Another piece, maybe it took
- 20 us two or three days.
- 21 O. How many pieces did you cut off that
- 22 were adjoining into your property?
- 23 A. I don't remember.
- 24 Q. Was it 20, 10?
- 25 A. What do you mean by pieces? What

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should I consider a piece, like this big or the table size? What do you consider a . piece?

I'll move on. It's okay.

MR. NEWMAN: Can you mark this?

(Whereupon a document entitled

Affidavit dated 7/31/07 was marked

Plaintiff's Exhibit 3, for

identification as of this date.)

11 n. You testified that from your

:2 perspective there was poor maintenance

because water was coming in and the building 13

wasn't constructed properly because the steel

reinforcement wasn't there. Was there

16 anything else about the construction of this

17 building that you believe caused cracks to

18 form in the building at 97 Quentin Road?

19 Yes, I do.

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20 o. What was that?

21 There is two main issues in that

22 building. First of all, the appearance of

23 the laundromat. In order to install those

24 laundromats in the building they used to

build piles in order to support the concrete

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foundation.

3 Q. Is that the reason why there are

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cracks in the cement basement slab?

We can only assume.

n. Assume.

Α. Yes.

Was there any notice given to Bill

Aftousmis prior to the excavation and

10 underpinning that that was going to occur?

11 No, and I know we don't have to. We A.

12 have to notify all the neighbors only about

13 demolition, and that was done.

14 So, you know of no Department of

15 Buildings code regulation that you do have to

16 notify adjoining landowners if there's

27 underpinning? You don't know about that?

10 I know that nobody is able to prevent

19 us to build our building on our own property,

and if engineers decide to do the 20

21 underpinning, no one is able to stop us to do

22 it. That's what I know.

23 So, in other words, if you want to go

24 ahead and do your underpinning, no one can

stop you; is that your testimony?

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slab. I believe it's 18 inches thick to

support all the machines, and those piles

used to penetrate existing all concrete slab

in the building in order to build all those

piles, same footings. So, the crack that we

observed in the basement goes right along

those niles

o. Anything else about the construction

10 of the building?

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12 What is that?

13 That slab is not structural anyway,

but it's just those cracks in the slab just

15 simply show the interruption of the

16 foundation that used to be done when those

piles were used to be built. Second, in that

building they have a water collector which

19 they used as a filter for used water from the

20 laundromat machine, and that water prior to

21 going to the City sewer goes to the concrete

pit in the basement, which I believe has the

same cracks as the slab. So, the water

penetration, permanent water penetration from

that water collector also could damage the

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Α. Ho one can stop you. I'm definitely

able'to pull the permits from the Buildings

Department on the neighbor's property even

without his permission.

o. Even without notification?

Even without notification,

о. So, you can do whatever you want?

Not whatever I want to do. Whatever

10 the Buildings Department allowed me to do.

11 o. The Buildings Department allowed you

to do the excavation without any notification

13 to Bill Aftousmis at 97 Quentin Road about

14 underpinning; is that correct?

15 As far as I know, yes.

16 Was there anything about the actual

washing machines, the vibration of the

machines, that caused damage to Bill

19 Aftousmis' building? Do you know about that?

20 Α. I was in that building. You used to

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stand on the floor and you feel the

vibration. If you feel the vibration, you

23 think the world doesn't feel it?

24 What is your testimony?

25 My testimony is that if there is

125 ì Kanevsky Kanevsky vibration that you feel in the building, it 2 Q. 100 times? spreads all over the building and may affect No. not.100. any structure in the building, below the o. 502 machine or on top of them. 20. 30 timus Did there come a time when the New In those 20 to 30 times have you ever York City, Department of Buildings sent a seen a New York City, Department of Buildings licensed professional engineer to test the professional engineer come out and test and underpinning, to test and evaluate the inspect the underpinning? underpinning work? :0 Yes, once. 11 The Buildings Department sends the Α. 11 o. One time? 12 engineer? 12 It was government project paid by the 11 o. Did they ever do that? 13 City, and in those cases the Buildings 14 I don't remember that. Department's engineers are always on the job ο. Did that ever happen? site. So, they inspect the underpinning. 16 Unless it happened without me knowing. 16 Any City job works this way. 17 I didn't have any appointments with them. No 17 MR. NEWMAN: Let's have this 26 one called me. No one send me a letter. If marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 4. 13 they sneaked on the property, maybe. 19 (Whereupon a document entitled o. Let me ask you this. 20 Cellar and Party Wall Condition 21 Have you supervised underpinning work 21 Inspection Report dated 5/19/05 was 22 before? 22 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, for 23 Α. Sure. 23 identification as of this date.) 24 ٥. How many times? 24 Sir, I'm showing you Plaintiff's 25 λ A lot. Exhibit 4, and I'll ask you if you have ever

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Kanevsky seen this document before? I did not. I'm going to show you a couple of ο. pictures. MR. NEWMAN: The title is Cellar and Party Wall Condition Inspection Report dated Hay 19th of 2005. The name of the PE that prepared that 10 report is Wiklor Wasilewski. :: On Page 4 of six pages there are two 12 photographs. I'm going to point your attention to Photograph Number 1, which says 14 diagonal crack in the south wall. Do you see 15 that photograph? 16 Α. Okav. 17 Have you ever seen that crack prior to 16 today looking at that photograph? 13 I don't remember. I told you there A. 20 were a lot of cracks. 21 Now, there's a crack on Photo Number 22 2. It shows a crack on the cement slab. 23

Have you ever seen that crack in the

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basement?

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cracks, I had to monitor the cracks. In this

case I was able to assess those cracks were

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- 2 movable, still movable. So, it belongs to
- i any activities, or are they stable. That 📞 🧸
- means they not belong to any activity as
- excavation and underpinning. So, I monitored
- 6 those cracks, and I do have a picture of
- those monitors.
- * Q. What did the crack monitors show?
- 9 A. They didn't move they showed.
- 10 Q. Where did you put the crack monitors?
- 11 A. On a few places on this wall.
- 12 Q. How many?
- 1) A. There was a few of them.
- 14 Q. Did you do any monitoring of Bill
- 15 Aftousmis' building during the excavation?
- 16 A. Yes, I do.
- 17 Q. What kind of monitoring did you do
- 18 during the excavation?
- 19 A. Okay. During when I hammered the
- 20 piles, and the piles went on this line --
- 21 Q. Yes.
- 22 A. -- I hired a company that monitored
- 23 the vibration of the ground.
- 24 Q. What was the name of the company?
- 25 A. I don't remember. It's in my records.

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- monitor moving concrete, stress, steel
- erection, firepropfing. Everything.
- 4 Everything of what we're suppose to monitor

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- 5 by the Buildings Department and technical
- f responsibility of the engineers on this job.
 - Q. When you say monitoring, what were
- 6 they doing?
- ? A. They're supposed to be on the job site
- exactly at the time when they're able to
- 11 check the progress and make a report of it.
- 12 Q. Was it mostly in terms of vibration
- 13 monitoring?
- 14 A. Everything. Each stage of the
- 15 construction from the very beginning to the
- 16 very end.
- 17 Q. Did this company do vibration
- 18 monitoring when the excavation was done?
- 19 A. There is no vibration from the
- 20 excavation.
- 21 Q. Were there any vibrations that are
- 22 created when doing the underpinning?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- Were there piles put in adjacent to 97

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- On this property we worked with many, I
- of a don't remember the name. It's in my file.
- Q. All right. We'll get it eventually.
- Was there only that company or were
- 4 there other companies that did monitoring
- during the construction next to 97 Quentin
- 6 Road?
- A. What do you mean by monitoring? If
- you're talking about vibration, you monitor
- 11 vibration. If you're talking about the
- 12 cracks, yes, I put the test on the cracks.
- 13 Q. What I'm referring to is nothing else,
- 14 just the monitoring of the vibrations.
- 15 Was there anyone else aside from the
- 16 company that you can't recall the name of,
- but you're recounting, was there another
- 18 company?
- 19 A. That's what came up in my mind.
- 20 O. The company that was hired to do the
- 21 monitoring, were they monitoring the
- 22 construction site while the underpinning was
- 23 done?
- 24 A. Actually that company was monitoring
- 25 all stages of construction. They used to

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- Quentin Road?
- 3 A. . No.
- 4 Q. I'm showing you Page 5 of 6, and I'm
- 5 going to show you Photograph Number 3, but
- 6 before I do that, what's the east footing
- wall in the diagram? Do you know what that
- B means?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Now I'm going to show you Photograph
- 11 Number 4 and ask you is this the underpinning
- that you were referring to in your testimony,
- 13 at least a fair depiction of a portion of the
- underpinning?
- 15 A. What portion of the underpinning are
- 16 you talking about?
- 17 Q. I'm directing your attention to
- 19 Photograph Number 4, and I'll ask it this
- 19 way. Do you recognize that photograph?
- 20 A. I do recognize this wall. I don't
- 21 recognize this photograph. Maybe it's not
- 22 mine. I can't see exactly what's in that
- 2) portion of this photograph. It's too small.
- MR. SCHOENE: Let the record
- 25 reflect that it's actually a photocopy

133 Kanevsky of a photograph. . 3 In Photograph Number 4 of Plaintiff's 3 4 Exhibit 4 I'm directing your attention to • this material above these concrete blocks two and three. What I'm pointing my finger at, is that dry packing? Α. No. What is that material that I'm 10 10 O. 1: Α. This is old material from the old 11 12 wall. Maybe even from -- this photograph is 12 Α. 13 too small. 11 24 In Photograph Number 4 do you see any 14 15 dry packing in that photograph? 15 16 ۸. Too small. Show me the original 16 17 picture. It might be much easier. 17 18 Q. Photograph Number 3, have you ever 18 19 seen what this depicts there? Does that look 19 30 familiar to you in anyway?

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1 Kanevsky wall. So, concrete simply cracks itself even without any stress, and in order to-prevent it from cracking we use reinforcement bars. We're going to move on. In Photograph Number 3 is there any underpinning in the bottom of the photograph? It's very difficult to say. It may be right here, but to know for sure I would have 10 to see -- it seems like it's here, but I'm 11 not sure 12 MR. NEWMAN: By here the witness 13 is referring to the bottom fifth of 14 the photograph. 15 ٥. I'm going to show you Page 6 of 6, and 16 I'll direct your attention to Photograph 17 Number 6, and ask if what's depicted in that 16 photograph is familiar to you in anyway? Do 19 you recognize what is depicted in this . 20 photograph? 21 I recognize what's in those pictures. 22 Q. Is this part of the underpinning --23 I'm pointing to Photograph Number 6 -- that 24 was constructed under Bill Aftousmis'

Oh, yeah. This is the wall of the

building. This is the wall that used to be

underground. Not even underground, because

the neighbor's building that was demolished

had a basement. So, this wall never went

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under the soil. Do you have a bigger picture of this? Not right now. I will try to get you bigger pictures. MR. SCHOENE: You weren't suppose to ask him any questions. MR. NEWMAN: There's been a reconciliation, uncommunicated, but ... Here's my question to you. There are two cracks that I can see. I can see them too. My question is, those two cracks, is that something that you saw prior to construction beginning or something else? Yes, I do. Those cracks I saw prior to construction. If you're able to show me the same picture in the actual size, on the same picture I will show you why this crack 20 appears only on the foundation wall, and 21 right under the crack in the footing there is 22 no crack. It means that the footing is still 23 stable and still able to hold the building, and the cracks in the foundation wall appear only because there is no rebars inside of the

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I believe this is the old concrete which sticks out from the building. I don't see any underpinning here. Photograph Number 5, do you recognize what is being depicted in Photograph Number Yes. I do. What is it? 10 It's this part of the wall. 11 ο. Do you know if it's north or south? 32 Α. No. He calls it north on Picture 5. 13 It's the north wall. This is this wall. 14 I think you testified that it was, but 15 in this photograph can you tell if there's 16 any underpinning that was constructed? This 17 is Photograph Number 5. 10

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137 130 1 Kanevsky 2 EXECUTE I can't tell on this photograph Α. PLAINTIFF'S anything, but that wall used to be FOR IDENTIFICATION DESCRIPTION PAGE underprinsed. We did underpin that wall, but A photograph 28 in this photograph you can't see that. A diagram drawn 48 I think we're going to stop here, and by Mr. Kanevsky unfortunately we're going to have to bring A document entitled 121 Affidavit dated you back for a second time. We'll do it at 7/31/07 your convenience, collective convenience, but A document entitled Cellar and Party 16 we have to do a second session because these 10 Wall Condition Inspection Report dated 5/19/05 11 fellows want to ask you questions. I 12 apologize for that, but we started when we 12 did and that's unfortunate. 13 14 (Time noted: 4:30 p.m.) 35 15 16 ------16 MARK KANEVSKY 17 18 19 :9 Subscribed and sworn to before me 20 2008. this day of 21 22 22 23 _____ 23 24 24 Notary Public 25

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I, CAROLYN PALAPINO, hereby certify that the Examination Before Trial of MARK KANEVSKY was held before me on the 13th day of May, 2008; that said witness was duly sworn before the commencement of his testimony; that the testimony was taken stenographically by myself and then transcribed by myself; that the party was represented by counsel as appears herein;

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